

JOINT TASK FORCE - FULL ACCOUNTING  
BIOGRAPHIC/SITE REPORT AS OF 17 DECEMBER 1993

===== BIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION =====

REFNO: 1068-0-01 (ACCNO 1431) Status: (L) DEAD BODY NOT RECOVERED  
Name: SCHEURICH, THOMAS EDWIN Date Status assigned: 28 Nov 1977

Nationality	AMERICAN	Race	CAUCASIAN	Blood Chit	\$
Service	NAVY	Sex	MALE	Blood type	A +
Grade	04	Hair	BROWN	Complexion	FAIR
SSAN	DATA	Eyes	BROWN	Weapon	#
Serial No		Height	74 in /1.88 mtrs	Weapon No	#
Birth date	19 Aug 1933	Weight	193 lb / 87.4 kg	Duty pos	PILOT
Home State	NEBRASKA	Religion	PROTESTANT	PW Camp	\$

===== SITE INFORMATION =====

INCIDENT LOCATION (0)

Site Type: WATER SITE  
UTM: 48QYH605833  
Lat/Long: 203757N / 1073001E  
Country: OVER WATER - VN  
Military Region: \$  
Mission Province: VN - OVERWATER  
(formerly):  
Mission District: VN - OVERWATER  
Mission Date: 1 Mar 1968 1837L  
Mission Category: 3  
Local Analysis: None.

===== JTF-FA ACTIVITY SUMMARY =====

No Information Available

===== VEHICLE DATA =====

Vehicle Type: A6A	Serial: 152944
Crash Type: None	Engine Type: J52
Call Sign: RAY GUN 504	1 Serial: #
Year: \$	2 Serial: #

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REFNO: 1068-0-02 (ACCNO 1551) Status: (J) DEAD BODY NOT RECOVERED  
Name: LANNOM, RICHARD CLIVE Date Status assigned: 15 Oct 1974

Nationality	AMERICAN	Race	CAUCASIAN	Blood Chit	\$
Service	NAVY	Sex	MALE	Blood type	A +
Grade	02	Hair	BROWN	Complexion	FAIR
SSAN	DATA	Eyes	BLUE	Weapon	#
Serial No		Height	71 in /1.80 mtrs	Weapon No	#
Birth date	24 Jan 1941	Weight	182 lb / 82.4 kg	Duty pos	NFO
Home State	TENNESSEE	Religion	PROTESTANT	PW Camp	\$

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=== CIRCUMSTANCES OF LOSS ===

19 March 1975

ON 1 MARCH 1968, LCDR THOMAS E. SCHEURICH, PILOT AND LTJG RICHARD C. LANNOM, BOMBARDIER/NAVIGATOR, WERE FLYING IN AN A6A AIRCRAFT (BUNO #15-2944) ON A NIGHT AIR STRIKE AGAINST A TARGET ABOUT 45 MILES NORTHEAST OF HAIPHONG, NORTH VIETNAM. AT 1837 HOURS, LCDR SCHEURICH REPORTED HIS LOCATION AS FIVE MINUTES FROM THE COAST IN-POINT (CIP) AND SWITCHED HIS IFF TO STANDBY. RADAR AT THIS TIME PLOTTED HIS AIRCRAFT AT GRID COORDINATES (GC) YH 605 833 WHICH WAS ABOUT 25 MILES FROM HIS TARGET. (REF 1 & 2)

SHORTLY AFTER THE 1837 HOUR RADIO TRANSMISSION, RADAR CONTACT WITH LCDR SCHEURICH'S AIRCRAFT WAS TOTALLY LOST. THIS IS NOT UNCOMMON WITH A6A AIRCRAFT AT A LOW ALTITUDE WITH THE IFF SILENT. THE FLIGHT PATH FROM CIP TO TARGET PASSED OVER MANY SMALL ISLANDS KNOWN TO CONTAIN LIGHT AAA GUNS, AUTOMATIC WEAPONS AND SMALL ARMS. THE WEATHER IN THE TARGET AREA WAS OVERCAST AT 500 FEET. THERE WERE SEVERAL HILLS AND PEAKS BOTH ALONG THE FLIGHT PLAN AND IN THE TARGET AREA REACHING TO 3773 FEET. (REF 1)

WHEN LCDR SCHEURICH'S AIRCRAFT FAILED TO RETURN TO THE RENDEZVOUS AREA, AN AIR SEARCH BY OTHER AIRCRAFT WAS CONDUCTED. SEARCH OF BOTH HIS FLIGHT PATH AND TARGET AREA DID NOT LOCATE HIS AIRCRAFT. SURPRISINGLY, NEITHER SAMS NOR AAA FIRE WERE ENCOUNTERED. (REF 1)

DURING THE EXISTENCE OF JCRC, THE HOSTILE THREAT IN THE AREA PRECLUDED ANY VISITS TO OR GROUND INSPECTIONS OF THE SITES INVOLVED IN THIS CASE. LCDR SCHEURICH AND LTJG LANNOM ARE CURRENTLY CARRIED IN THE PRESUMPTIVE STATUS OF DEAD, REMAINS NOT RECOVERABLE.

=== REFERENCES ===

19 March 1975

REFERENCES: <1> RPT, ATTACK SQUADRON 35, 9 APR 68. <2> RPT, ONI 53-1A, 1 SEP 71.

=== NEGOTIATION ACTIONS ===

13 December 1993

DURING THE 28 JULY 1993 POW/MIA TECHNICAL MEETING IN HANOI, A LIST OF CASES INVOLVING 168 UNACCOUNTED-FOR PERSONNEL PRESUMABLY LOST OVER WATER AT LEAST 10 KILOMETERS FROM THE COAST OF VIETNAM WAS PASSED TO THE VIETNAMESE GOVERNMENT. THE VIETNAMESE WERE ASKED TO UNILATERALLY REVIEW THEIR RECORDS FOR RELEVANT INFORMATION PERTAINING TO THESE CASES.

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=== ASSOCIATED INDIVIDUALS ===

19 March 1975

ASSOCIATED INDIVIDUALS: THOMAS E. SCHEURICH 1068-0-01, AND RICHARD C. LANNOM 1068-0-02.

=== MAJOR COORDINATE CHANGE ===

7 April 1975

COORDS CHANGED FROM YH746651 TO YH605833 BASED ON ONI 53-1A.